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## THAT CAUCUS.

That was a daisy caucus on Wednesday night. The oneness of it was worthy the old People's party. True, to vary the monotony, Sutherland, Cannon and Wells were placed in nomination, but that was not intended to break the harmony of the concert—merely three notes flattened, the discord of which was intended to make sweeter the deeper tones of the triumphant oratorio. The noses had been counted, the needed majority was not to be disturbed by any side show; the three-ring performance was to go on even if the fat woman and the Anaconda were on exhibition at half price in the neighboring tent. Senator Lewis performed the overture. It was a privilege for him to nominate Mr. Smoot because he was not only a genius but "the embodiment of purity and cleanliness."

We think we understand that. Touching the revelation commending polygamy, the prophet said: "And as pertaining to the new and everlasting covenant it was instituted for the fullness of my glory and he that receiveth the fullness thereof must and shall abide the law or he shall be damned, sayeth the Lord God." Mr. Smoot has endorsed that ever since he was a child, hence his purity impresses Mr. Lewis for the apostle is evidently on the high road to that other state, described by the Prophet as follows:

"Then shall they be gods, because they have no end, then shall they be above all because all things are subject unto them, they have all powers and the angels are subject unto them."

It seems the apostle has reached that point now in the estimation of Senator Lewis. Mr. Barratt, in his endorsement of Mr. Smoot, stated one pointed fact. He said his candidate "has no allegiance to one party more than to another."

Of course Dr. Condon explained his vote. He was unpledged but his honor compelled him to carry out the will of his constituents. If there is anything that the Doctor is famous for it is fidelity to those who trust to his honor.

Mr. Fishburn gave away another semi-secent, "There is to be a question settled and the sooner it is out of the way the better." That is, the polygamous racket was once tried with Roberts, the high priest rocket is to be tried with Smoot.

Senator Johnson declared that Mr. Smoot had never asked for his vote. Was not that a little cheap? When Elders, Presidents of Stakes, Patriarchs, Seventies and Apostles packed the convention and nominated Mr. Johnson, what was the understanding? The Mormon members voted as they were instructed from the first to vote.

They accepted nominations on that under-

standing and it was as well known the morning after they were nominated how they would vote as it was yesterday.

But we wonder if they have little children at home and if they ever stop to think how they will feel if, when those children grow up, they sometimes ask them if it is true that in 1903 they voted to forever place Utah under the ban of a merciless priesthood and to close the door against their promotion in any sphere in Utah, except through church preferment?

## THE GOATS.

The Deseret News described the caucus in which Mr. Hull was nominated speaker of the House in these words:

"There was no all-night session last night, at the Republican caucus for the speakership of the House, although it was a hot one while it lasted. In caucuses, like in horse races, the favorites do not always win, and very frequently a dark horse carries off the prize. So it was last night when Thomas Hull of Salt Lake county found he had almost a walkover and captured the nomination as speaker of the House, and he didn't have to strain himself to get there, either. He won on the first ballot and the vote stood: Thomas Hull of Salt Lake County, 20; W. H. Barratt of Beaver County, 10, and Dr. A. S. Condon of Weber County, 9; D. R. Anderson of Cache County was not present when the vote was taken.

"All day long the friends of Doctor Condon, whose headquarters were at the Cullen, and Mr. Barratt, who held forth at the Windsor, were or seemed to be, equally confident that their candidate had almost a sure thing. Mr. Hull, who had no headquarters and was apparently last in the race, came out first."

Is it not strange that Mr. Hull had no headquarters and still came out first? It has been thoroughly well known for four weeks past, that both Mr. Allison and Mr. Hull would be elected with a whoop. That Mr. Allison, a Sutherland man, would not oppose the election of Mr. Smoot and that in consideration of that, Mr. Smoot's friends would all support Mr. Sutherland two years hence. The editor of the News has known this for weeks, hence the substance of the above extract merely emphasizes the fact that Utah politics is but a roaring farce at best. The fact that such an arrangement has been made accounts for the Sutherland dispatch to the News on Monday night, last, in which, after weighing the situation, he gave his sympathies to Mr. Smoot. Of course, he has a special interest in turning his sympathies that way, for he wants, and expects, the help of Mr. Smoot and all his friends two years hence.

Thus we see that his sympathy for Mr. Smoot is, when boiled down, merely sympathy for himself.

The struggle for the Speakership of the House was all the more comical, when every member, except the candidates, knew that the cards were stacked against those candidates. Or did they, also, know it and to give the business an American look, consent to go in and play the role of dupes?

In Tennessee, a backwoods clergyman once took his text from the parable of the sheep and goats and preached a rousing sermon. After describing all the beautitudes awaiting the sheep, he

waited a moment and then cried, "Now who will be the goats?" Another pause, and then, smashing his fist upon the Bible before him, in a louder voice he shouted: "Who will be the goats?"

A lay member in a back seat arose and said: "Mr. Preacher, rather than see the game stop, I'll be the goats." Rather than see the game stop did Condon, Barratt and Anderson assume to be goats?

## THAT EXECUTIVE "INTERFERENCE."

On its face, no American believes that the President of the United States can consistently go out of his way to interfere with the election of an officer in a sovereign state. The first dispatch placed President Roosevelt in that situation and his warmest friends recoiled before this assumption of interference on his part. But more light has been shed upon the matter since. It seems the President did not interfere, but that the trusted friend of Apostle Smoot, Ed. Loose, made a journey to Washington and obtained a special interview with the President to sound him upon that very theme, and in his direct and earnest way the President told him it would be bad business, bad for Utah and bad for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He did this although he is not a subscriber to Goodwin's Weekly. That is, Mr. Smoot, through his rather Loose attorney, called the President to testify.

By all the rules of all the courts the accused cannot repudiate his own witness.

That the result of this private interview between the President and Mr. Smoot's particular friend was telegraphed broadcast to the country was not the President's fault. There was a Loose pulley somewhere.

But suppose the President had taken kindly to the Apostle's candidacy, what would have happened then? We all know how modest Ed. Loose is, it is proverbial, but had the response been favorable is it not clear that for once that modesty would have broken down and that Loose would have proclaimed all the facts to the discomfiture of all who have opposed Mr. Smoot's election?

As the matter stands nothin' has really happened except that the apostle having sent a special messenger to Washington to sound the President on the matter of his candidacy, the president, in the confidence of his private office, being thus solicited, said he believed it would be a mistake for Utah and for the Mormon church to elect an Apostle to a seat in the American Senate.

That does not prevent the Legislature from going ahead and carrying out the compact made with most of the members when they were nominated, and because of which the teachers went out and told the faithful that it would be pleasing to the First Presidency if they would vote the ticket as it was printed. We do not think, either, that the Apostle will be denied a seat, for the reason that in Colorado are two Jack Mormon senators, in Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Nevada there are enough Mormon voters to make, in a close election, a balance of power, and all the Senators from those states will rally around Mr. Smoot and certify to their brother senators that he is all O. K.

The only danger is that some Eastern Senators will insist upon asking some troublesome ques-